

CINCINNATI BANKRUPTCY JUDICIAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – MEETING DATED JUNE 15, 2012

Present:

Judge Buchanan

Ed Boll

Cindy Doyle

Rick Jones

Lynnetta Rollinson

Monica Kindt

Marge Burks

Stephen Crowe

Eileen Field

Tim Miller

Nick Zingarelli

Chairperson : Ray Pikna

Chairperson Ray Pikna called the meeting to order at 11am.

Housekeeping matters:

- The meeting minutes from the February 3rd meeting were approved for publication and will be posted on the CBA website.
- The Committee discussed vehicles for the bar to communicate anonymously with the Court. There is currently no website set up for anonymous comments. The cost and options to set up a link for comments will be discussed with the CBA.
- The Committee discussed whether a mission statement is needed. After discussion it was decided that Ed Boll would draft a mission statement.
- Succession structure for rotating members. Ed Boll has an e-mail regarding the succession structure for rotating members and will circulate it or bring it to the next meeting.
- Should members be able to designate substitutes to attend meetings in their place? Group decided no need to designate a substitute.
- Staggered terms for rotating members will be 2 years and 3 years. Ray Pikna will figure out which member the years apply to.

Substantive matters from Agenda

1. The Committee followed up on the discussion on: whether the lack of property insurance be per se grounds to grant relief from the automatic stay? Still in progress.
2. Should we have a standard fee agreement for consumer bankruptcy cases? This was a follow up of discussions from prior meeting. Group decided to discuss with Bankruptcy Committee: suggest that the Bankruptcy committee solicit anonymous fee agreements to review for educational consideration, and maybe review ethical

issues and pick a few agreements to circulate to practitioners who want them as “best practices” samples.

3. Local Rules Issues: all local rules issues were addressed above.
4. Chapter 7 Issues: none
5. Chapter 13 Issues: continued discussion regarding Notice of Final Cure Proceedings and Notice of Payment of Fees and Expenses.
6. Chapter 11 Issues: none
7. Other Issues: Committee discussed IFP issues, attorneys who are filing cases for clients and filing *in forma pauperis* waivers, fairness standard vs. legal standard.

Future meetings will be held quarterly, at 11:00am.

Next meeting will be September 7, 2012 at 11:00am.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45